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**Subject:** Re: David Dunlap and EPA's IRIS assessment on formaldehyde

Thanks

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Environmental Protection Agency  
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On Dec 27, 2018, at 9:38 AM, Jackson, Ryan <[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Yep.

Ryan Jackson  
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On Dec 27, 2018, at 8:52 AM, Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**Subject:** David Dunlap and EPA's IRIS assessment on formaldehyde

Hey everyone,

It's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

I'm working on a story about David Dunlap's recusal statement, which I obtained under the Freedom of Information Act (please see attached). I noticed that Dunlap has voluntarily recused himself from EPA's Integrated Risk Information System assessment on formaldehyde. I had a few questions about this, which are:

-- Why did Dunlap recuse himself from EPA's IRIS assessment on formaldehyde?

-- Did Dunlap recuse himself from EPA's IRIS assessment on formaldehyde because of his work for his former employer, Koch Industries, Inc., where he participated in meetings discussing formaldehyde ([https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/omb/2070\\_meeting\\_06262012b](https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/omb/2070_meeting_06262012b)) ? Or did Dunlap recuse himself from EPA's IRIS assessment on formaldehyde because while at Koch he worked with the American Chemistry Council's Formaldehyde Panel?

-- What is the status of EPA's IRIS assessment on formaldehyde? When do you expect it will be released to the public?

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is noon EST today but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Also, since I'm working from home today, please email me here or call my cell phone at 202-247-7844. Thank you for your help.

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